

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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CHAIRMAN

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DENNIS DUNNE
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DONALD MACKENZIE
Vice-Chair

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

DENISE FORD

LAURA CURRAN
Ranking

DAVID DENENBERG

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

WILLIAM J. MULLER III, Clerk

LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG MAY. 5
BOB MCMANUS 5
GREG STEPHANOFF 7
ED SCHENK 10

2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: I'll act as clerk and
3 take the attendance.

4 Kevan Abrahams? He's here.

5 David Denenberg? He's here.

6 Laura Curran, Ranking Member.

7 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Denise Ford?

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Vincent Muscarella is
11 here.

12 Donald MacKenzie, Vice Chair?

13 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And Dennis Dunne is
15 here.

16 First item of business to come before
17 this committee is Item 202-14, a resolution
18 authorizing the county executive to execute a
19 grant agreement between the County of Nassau,
20 acting on behalf of the district attorney's
21 office, and Hofstra University.

22 Do I have a motion?

23 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Yes. Donald MacKenzie, yes, and Denise Ford seconds.

Who do we have from the district attorney's office?

MR. MAY: We have Professor Bob McManus from the district attorney's office.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Mr. McManus.

MR. MCMANUS: Thank you. As you said, this item is a grant agreement between the district attorney's office and Hofstra University.

Under this agreement Hofstra will continue a long-standing collaboration with the district attorney's office to host conferences and events to promote law enforcement, crime prevention, and anti-gang activities. This year Hofstra will be hosting violence prevention and mediation training, the district attorney's 2014 Long Island Youth Safety Conference, and the annual Gangs and Youth Violence Conference.

This contract is funded by discretionary federal forfeiture funds and there is no cost to the county.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Good. Thank you.

Are there any questions from any
legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I have a quick
question.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: We have a question from
Legislator Laura Curran.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: It's a brief
question. Who are the people who are being
trained?

MR. MCMANUS: The people who are being
trained in what, in terms of the mediation?

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Is it people from
the district attorney's office?

MR. MCMANUS: No. The mediation
training is conducted for individuals who are
mostly residents of the Village of Hempstead who
have been recently incarcerated and are now
working with the district attorney's Hempstead
Restoration Project to try to solve conflicts in
the community before they evolve into violent
activity, mostly Hempstead residents.

2 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Very good. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other comments from
5 any of the legislators?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 There being none; all in favor say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any against?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 So moved. It goes on to Finance.

14 The next item to come before us is Item
15 212-14, an ordinance supplemental to the annual
16 appropriations ordinance in connection with the
17 police department.

18 We also have 213-14, which also is an
19 ordinance supplemental to the annual
20 appropriations ordinance in connection with the
21 police department.

22 I guess Sergeant Stephanoff is with us.

23 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good afternoon.

24 Sergeant Greg Stephanoff.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Would you explain 212

first and then 213.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: 212-14 is a grant for \$130,000 from DCJS. It's surveillance, apprehension, vehicle enforcement. This grant is going to focus on insurance fraud for stolen vehicles, and it's going to be mostly money spent with detectives following up on cases.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. Just for the record, Legislator MacKenzie had made the motion and it was seconded by Legislator Vincent Muscarella.

Now, I'm sorry.

Any questions on 13?

(No verbal response.)

214-14.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: 213-14 is the next one.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: You're right. I stand corrected.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: This is a grant from our homeland security that's going to marine bureau for \$40,000. And this grant is going to supplement patrols in the waterways that marine bureau does.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. The motion by them was for both these items.

Any questions from any of the legislators? Yes. Legislator Denenberg.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How many officers do we have in the marine bureau at this point?

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: We just moved people in for the summer. I could find out. I'm not sure.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Does this go to augment some of the salaries and such or is this, like, where does this money go to, when you say that it supplements our marine bureau patrols? Does that mean we can offset salaries with it?

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: No. This money is going to overtime. It's going into the salary line, but it's going to supplement any overtime incurred by patrolling the waters.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Any other comments from legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all in favor indicate

by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

The ayes have it. Both items move on to Finance.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: The next item is Item 217-14, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriations ordinance in connection with the probation department.

And from the probation department we have? We're ready for you.

Motion made by Vinny Muscarella, seconded by Don MacKenzie.

Now, the item.

MR. MAY: We have Mr. Ed Schenk from the probation department.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Mr. Schenk.

MR. SCHENK: Thank you. This item appropriates \$202,699 in funds from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The grant, entitled Gun Involved Violence Elimination or GIVE, builds upon the success of Operation

Impact but focuses exclusively on shootings and homicides.

The goal is to reduce shootings and homicides by promoting integrated evidenced-based strategies that includes four core elements: people, places, alignment, and engagement.

The grant will fund two probation field intelligence officers at 50 percent each, one probation supervisor at 25 percent, fringe, and training.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. Are there any comments by any of the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

It passes and goes on to Finance.

MR. SCHENK: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

The final item for this afternoon or

1 evening, whichever you want to call it, is Item
2 20-14, a resolution authorizing the county
3 executive to execute a grant agreement between
4 the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the
5 district attorney's office and Family &
6 Children's Association, Inc.
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8 Mr. McManus is here again.

9 MR. MCMANUS: Yes. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And we have a motion by
11 Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator Ford.

12 MR. MCMANUS: This is a grant agreement
13 between the district attorney's office and the
14 Family & Children's Association and the Women's
15 Opportunity Rehabilitation Center to provide
16 counseling services and employment services for
17 women recently released from incarceration.

18 The program is intended to reduce
19 recidivism and to increase the chances for
20 positive reintegration to the community.

21 This program bears no cost to the county
22 and is financed by discretionary federal
23 forfeiture funds.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you. I hope it
25 works.

Any questions from any of the
legislators? Legislator Curran.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: The grant period
starts last September, and I'm just wondering why
it's coming before us now.

MR. SCHENK: Because we were not really
sure if we were going to obtain the grant
funding. Sometimes the grant awards come in
pretty late and then you have to -- it's unusual,
but you have to then apply for the grant even
though you know you're already going to receive
the grant.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Okay.

MR. SCHENK: The process itself is
rather timely.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: And did the work
start in September?

MR. SCHENK: The work has been ongoing.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Denise Ford
has a question.

LEGISLATOR FORD: This is a recurring
grant then?

MR. SCHENK: These are forfeiture funds.

2 Last year it was financed by a specific grant.

3 But yes, it is a continuing program.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. Thank you.

5 Do you also, with this program, the
6 thought just crossed my mind on this. Do you
7 also then look to see, you know, with these
8 women, to see if you can get them job placement
9 anywhere or type of training?

10 MR. SCHENK: Yes. Employment training
11 and placement is an integral part of the program.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'd like to send over,
13 just as an aside, there is a organization called
14 New in Manhattan.

15 MR. SCHENK: Okay.

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: And they train women
17 for non-traditional employment and can also
18 assist in hopefully getting some of these women
19 meaningful employment. So I'd like to send it
20 over to your office and Kathleen Rice's office so
21 she's aware of this, okay?

22 MR. SCHENK: That will be great. I'll
23 follow up tomorrow.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you.

25 MR. SCHENK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Do we have any other questions from any legislator?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

It passes and goes on to Finance.

That's the final item on this committee.

MacKenzie makes a motion to close, and Muscarella seconded it.

All in favor?

(Aye.)

Our committee is over.

(Whereupon, the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 5:19 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby state:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of the same and the whole thereof, according to the best of my ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of July, 2014.

FRANK GRAY